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COMPREHENSIVE TEST-BAN TREATY

Letter dated 25 August 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the enclosed statement made by the Spokesman of the Ministry of External Relations of Mongolia on 18 August 1995 on China's nuclear-weapon testing.

I request that the statement be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 65 of the provisional agenda.

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ANNEX

Statement made by the Spokesman of the Ministry of External Relations of Mongolia on 18 August 1995

On 17 August 1995 the People's Republic of China conducted an underground nuclear-weapon test. This was the second nuclear-weapon test carried out by China this year - the year that marks the historic fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War and half a century since the tragic events of the use of atomic weapons.

The people of Mongolia and their Government deeply regret that nuclear-weapon testing to further develop these weapons continues unabated at a time when the countries of the world have agreed to extend indefinitely the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and favourable conditions are emerging and the political will to conclude a comprehensive nuclear-weapon-test-ban treaty is strengthening.

Mongolia cannot ignore these tests, as they are being conducted in the area close to the Mongolian border and pose a serious threat to nature and the environment, human population, animal habitat and plants in the vicinity, and it demands that China stop completely nuclear-weapon tests.